

Village of Cold Spring
Board of Trustees Workshop
August 4, 2015

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Cold Spring held a workshop on Tuesday, August 4, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Hall, 85 Main Street, Cold Spring, NY.

Attending were Mayor David Merandy, Trustees Frances Murphy, Michael Bowman, Cathryn Fadde and Marie Early. Also in attendance was Village Attorney, John Furst.

Mayor Merandy asked for a motion to accept **Greenplan's proposal** for work related to the Village of Cold Spring's Code Update Agreement. Trustee Early made that motion and it was seconded by Trustee Murphy. Upon discussion, Trustee Bowman asked why is this motion going through. He felt that the original decision to use Greenplan as a consultant was not as transparent to the public as it should have been. Based on his belief, he recommended to the past Board to send out an RFP and follow up with interviews of all the candidates. His suggestion was accepted and an RFP was done with three candidates responding. After the interviews of each candidate, the past Board voted on hiring Barton & Loguidice as consultants to the Code Update Committee which was accepted with a 4-1 vote with Trustee Hawkins voting no. He feels this Board is doing a disservice to the public by going back on that decision.

At the end of the discussion, Mayor Merandy asked for a roll call vote on Greenplan's proposal.

Trustee Murphy voted YES

Trustee Early voted YES

Trustee Bowman voted NO

Trustee Fadde voted NO

Mayor Merandy voted YES

The vote was 3-2-0 with Trustees Bowman and Fadde voting no. The motion passed with a majority vote.

The Board was considering decreasing the **number of members on the Code Update Committee**. It began as a five member committee but because of the interest in serving on this committee, it was approved for seven members. However, with two members recently resigning it had dropped to five members. With the recent appointment of Norah Hart it went to six members. The decision was made to table the decision until the Board heard from Mike Armstrong who had recently made his opinion known that he too was considering resigning. It is better to have an odd number of board members to prevent a tie vote. Trustee Early made a motion to table the vote on decreasing the Code Update Committee to a five member committee with a second from Trustee Fadde. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Mayor Merandy requested a motion from the Board to appoint Trustee Early as **Contractor Coordinator** for the NYSEDA Grant in compliance with NYSEDA's terms. Trustee Murphy made the motion

seconded by Mayor Merandy. There was a discussion regarding past actions taken by the Mayor removing all Board members as liaisons from the standing boards. Some members felt this was contradictory.

Attorney Furst said that any Board member can act as liaison to any standing Board. Mayor Merandy said he will revisit his decision of removing the present Board members from acting as liaisons.

With a vote of 2-2-1, the motion was in a tie. The Mayor used his ability of appointment to appoint Trustee Early to the position of Contractor Coordinator for the NYSERDA Grant. Trustee Murphy and Mayor Merandy voted yes, Trustees Bowman and Fadde voted no, Trustee Early abstained.

Correspondence

Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services sent a letter requesting that all towns and villages in Putnam County allow Potassium Iodide, also known as KI, to be made available to the residents within the 10 Mile Emergency Planning Zone (EPZ) surrounding the Indian Point Nuclear Power Plants in Buchanan. It is meant to be taken during a power plant accident and it works by blocking the thyroid gland's ability to absorb radiation.

The Knights of Columbus, Loretto Council, requested use of Mayors Park Pavilion on September 19th from noon to 7 pm and September 20th from noon to 5 pm for the celebration of Oktoberfest. The applicant will be serving alcoholic beverages and asked the village for landlord's signature on their liquor license. A motion was made by Trustee Bowman to approve the request seconded by Trustee Fadde. With a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Old Business

A letter was received from the **Spring Brook Condominium Board** requesting that the Village take care of deteriorating tree roots in the right of way of the creek bed. This was brought up at an earlier meeting and it was determined by the past Village attorney, Michael Liguori, that the Village was not responsible for this.

Trustee Bowman made a motion to write a letter explaining that this was not the Village's responsibility. Trustee Early seconded the motion and the motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Trustee Bowman suggested that the Board agendas be completed by Fridays with notification to the public on the Village website. Although that is the policy, there are sometimes changes that occur on Monday and even though those changes are put on the website, not everyone has a chance to review them before the meetings on Tuesdays.

Trustee Murphy suggested that each Board member make a list of things pending that should be worked on and email it to the other Board members.

The minutes of July 14, 2015 were approved as written with a motion from Trustee Fadde and a second from Trustee Early and a unanimous vote.

Public Comment

Michael Robinson stated that in reference to the countless hours put into the Board's work by Marie, Fran and Cathryn, thank you for all that work. I wish the leaks would stop as it undermines the work that you are all doing.

Glenn Gidaly, AICP of Barton and Loguidice, Engineering, said what is done is done. In the terms of our knowledge of zoning within the Village of Cold Spring, I feel we could have earned a PHD representing the Planning and Zoning Boards for the Butterfield Project. I have a National Certification as a planner. Add a fair amount of time which was not approvable by NYSERDA. The last six months were spent trying to get the Village's scope of work in compliance. That said, we wish you well with the project.

Trustee Early noted that the County has started the drainage project in the area of Morris Avenue and Craigsides Drive. Also, she is working with Bruce Campbell on thank you notes for the July 4th event both for mailing and on our social media Facebook.

Trustee Murphy said that, regarding Mike's (Robinson's) comment, there are times we disagree but we have gotten a lot done.

Trustee Early made a motion to adjourn the meeting. With a second from Trustee Bowman, and a unanimous vote from the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra L. Falloon